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JANUARY 2, 2022 | FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASS SCHEDULES

Saturday Anticipated Mass | 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass | 9:30 a.m. - Mass will be Live
Streamed

Daily: Tuesday – Friday | 8:00 a.m. - Tuesday and Thursday Mass will be Live Streamed

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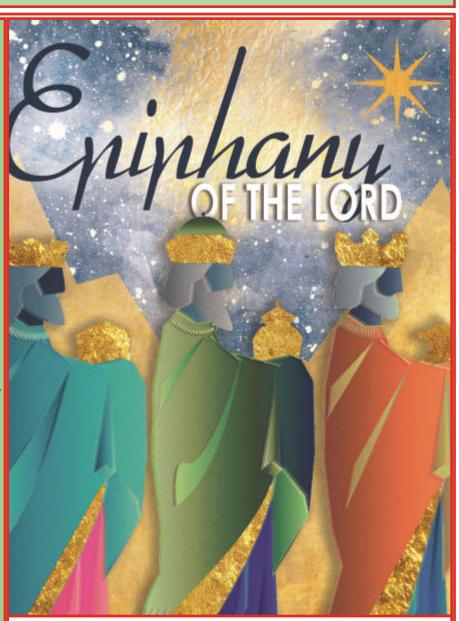
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PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR MASS

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

SECOND READING:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

GOSPEL:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great

and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

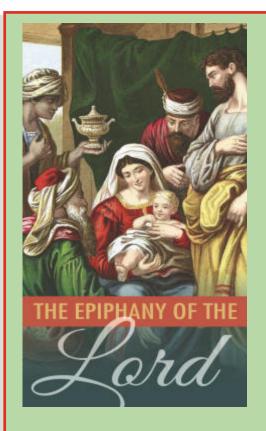
Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

MEDITATIONS AFTER HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

What are some gifts that you think Jesus received that are not known to us? What are gifts that you have given to the Lord? What will your gift for Him be today? What gifts has Jesus given you?

"Lord Jesus, I receive the greatest gift every time I receive you in Holy Communion. On this day, when Your family received the gifts of the Magi, I wish to offer You a gift, the gift of my love and service. I love You, Lord; I praise and adore You. Receive my gift and be pleased with it this day."



"Christmas is a feast of restored creation. It is in this context that the Fathers of the Church interpret the song of the angels on that holy night; it is an expression of joy over the fact that the height and the depth, Heaven and Earth, are once more united; that man is again united to God."

~ Pope Benedict 16th, Midnight Mass, 2007 ~ On Christmas day, I was thinking back to our family tradition of gathering at my grandparent's house on Christmas Eve. After Mass, we would eat dinner and then open presents. As a young boy, the hours leading up to this moment seemed like an eternity. I remember my parents telling me, "Wait until you are older; time will fly by." Of course, I didn't believe them, but like in many situations, they were right. Here we are, the start of another year. So, as we enter into 2022, I would encourage you to spend some time reflecting on this past year and the new year that God places before us. Here are some points to consider in your personal reflection (adapted from Aletaia Catholic Blog).



- Never forget that you are God's individual creation and, therefore, a gift He has bestowed on the world. Be humbled by the fact that He certainly has you in the palm of His hand. Without Him you are nothing.
- Be happy with who and what you are. God made you and loves you. If you feel you need to change to please Him, you can do it. Just ask for His help.
- The choices you make are your responsibility. Sometimes our choices hurt us. Embrace them and learn from them and move on. Thank God for the experience.
- Sometimes NOT getting what you want or what you think you need is a blessing. If you trust God, you will thank Him. When "one door closes, another opens."
- Always count your blessings, not your troubles.
- You can make it through whatever comes along. Grace will be there, but it only comes one day at a time. Don't fret about the future.
- Prayer is the most powerful of weapons and can be your greatest ally in all diversity.
- Don't take things too seriously, especially yourself.
- The key to happiness is to give of yourself, not to "get" for yourself.
- Miracles happen; don't overlook them.
- Temptation is everywhere. Remember, it only lasts for a short time and will pass away. So hold out, and say, "No."
- Finally, never fail to help a neighbor, whoever it may be, even a stranger.

As Catholic Christians, we enter the New Year with God's help. We have the armor of the Church to protect us in whatever we will face in the year ahead. Ask yourself how important are the celebration of the Sacraments to you and your family? Do you make the celebration of the Sacraments a priority (Sunday Mass, the Eucharist, Confession)? The Sacraments serve as the armor of God that Christ gives to us each and every time we participate in these sacred rituals. We are also blessed to have the angels and saints at our defense. Do you remember to pray asking for their intercession? Here are several "go-to" saints to keep in your daily prayers.

- St. Michael the Archangel will always "defend us in battle."
- St. Anthony will help us find lost items.
- St. Jude will help us through seemingly impossible barricades.
- St. Joseph is ready to help us, and especially to help all men be good fathers and husbands.
- St. Monica will help mothers and those who have strayed from the faith.
- St. Dymphna will help those experiencing emotional difficulties or suffering from Alzheimer's disease.
- St. Peregrine brings strength and healing to cancer patients.
- Blessed Virgin Mary is always there for all of us.

As we begin this new year, please know of my prayers for each of you. I want to share the prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel with you and your family. Perhaps some of you may be familiar with it.

I encourage you to pray this prayer together as a family and entrust yourself each day to the protection of God and His angels.

Father Bandura

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, DEFEND US IN BATTLE. BE OUR PROTECTION AGAINST THE WICKEDNESS AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL.

MAY GOD REBUKE HIM
WE HUMBLY PRAY;
AND DO THOU, O PRINCE
OF THE HEAVENLY HOST,
BY THE POWER OF GOD,
CAST INTO HELL SATAN
AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS,
WHO PROWL THROUGH THE
WORLD SEEKING THE
RUIN OF SOULS. AMEN.



SAINT JAMES NEWS

MASS SCHEDULE

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022 | SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:30 a.m. † Thomas & Anna Simunich (Ray & Anna Marie Mowery)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022 ANTICIPATED MASS - THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:30 p.m. † Gary L. Stivason (Mark & Laura Nalevanko)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 | SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:30 a.m. † Steve Hornock (Vincent & Shirley Clark)

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022 | CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY - NO MORNING MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022 | SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

8:00 a.m. † Dale Ruffner (Charles & Nancy McNaughton)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022 | SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

8:00 a.m. † James Lasitis (Tom & Jan Hankinson)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 | CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. † John A. Brandis (Justin & Nicole Wells)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022 | CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

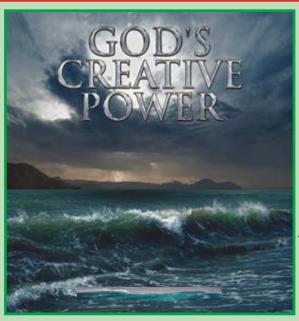
8:00 a.m. † Joyce (Starry) Sembiante (Catherine Pastor)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022 | ANTICIPATED MASS - FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

4:30 p.m. † Frank & Avaline Sundry (Son, Don Sundry)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022 | FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:30 a.m. † For the People



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.





9:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Gather in the Social Hall 10:45 AM Teaching on Epiphany 11:45 AM Lunch

An Intergenerational Gathering

Adults, teens, and children of all ages join us and break into groups to learn about Epiphany

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9:30AM

Visit our website or complete the attached registration form by January 2



COME TO THE FEAST REGISTRATION FORM

Register by **Sunday, January 2, 2022** either by completing this form and returning in the offertory basket or you can also register on-line on our website: www.stjamesnewalexandria.org.

| Name: | | | _ |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Number of Adults Atte | ending: No | umber of Children Attend | ding: |
| Telephone Number: | | Email Address: | |

Catered food will be provided for the Intergenerational lunch.

BABY NEEDS COLLECTION

January 8th & 9th, 2022 and January 15th & 16th, 2022

The Saint James Rosary Altar Society Members are collecting for two weekends this month, baby items to donate to four clinics in the Diocese of Greensburg to help expecting mom's in need. Items being collected are all products needed to help take care of a baby, diapers, bottles, baby shampoo and bath products, baby blankets, bibs, pacifiers, etc. Boxes will be placed in the entrance of the church to collect all items. Monetary donations will also be taken - please place money in an envelope and mark the front for RAS - Baby Needs Collection - checks should be made payable to the Rosary Altar Society and donations will be divided to the various shelters. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

SOUP SALE - SATURDAY JANUARY 8, 2022

The Rosary Altar Society Members are having their January Soup Sale - *please note: Hours* of pickup have been changed from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Chili:_____# of quarts - \$10.00 Quart Minestrone:_____# of quarts - \$10.00 Quart

Name: _____

Telephone Number:

Soup Order Deadline: **Wednesday, January 5, 2022** via our website or completing this form and submitting to the Parish Office.



MARIAN PRAYERS

Our Rosary Altar Society will sponsor our monthly devotions and Marian Prayers on *Wednesday*, *January 12th, 2022 from 1:30 - 3:15 p.m.* in the Church. Beginning at 1:30 p.m. all four mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed. There will then be a period of quiet time for private prayer. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3:00 p.m. with closing at 3:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us in this time of prayer as we pray for the intentions of the Church, our world and country along with your own private intentions.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY & ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY WINTER BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022 8:00 A.M - 12:00 P.M.

ADULTS - \$10.00 CHILD - \$5.00 (AGES 6 TO 12) FREE TO CHILD UNDER AGE 6

Ham, Sausage, Pancakes, Eggs, Potatoes, Juice, Coffee, Tea

SAINT JAMES NEWS

OUTREACH MINISTRY BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Outreach ministry will be offering blood pressure screening this weekend, **January 1st and 2nd** after each Mass in the Church Social Hall.





FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on *Friday, January 7, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. until 7:50 a.m.* The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed before morning Mass. Everyone is welcome to join the Rosary Altar Society members for the first Friday for this private time of devotion and prayer prior to our 8:00 a.m. daily Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered next weekend, *January 8th and 9th* after each weekend Mass.



THANK YOU

I would like to thank my Saint James family for the many expressions of sympathy that were conveyed to myself and to my family by offering prayers, sending cards and flowers at the time of my sister's passing. Your kindness is so very much appreciated. God bless all of you.

Mrs. Betty Nemchik & Family

PARISH GIFTS THIS CHRISTMAS

If you missed getting your copy of book "The True Meaning of Christmas" last weekend, there are extra copies placed on the table in the back of the Church for you to take home for the family to enjoy reading throughout this Christmas season.



The 2022 Calendars are available at the entrance of the church. Every home in the parish should have one of these Catholic Calendars with valuable reference information on the last pages announcing Holy Days of Obligation for 2022. They contain beautiful artwork and scripture readings for each month. We extend a sincere thank you to P. David Newhouse Funeral Home and Qwik Stop Mini Mart for providing these calendars to us for so many years, we are extremely grateful for their kindness. Please be sure to take one home!

BY: MRS. CATYLN BAILEY, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS FORMATION EMAIL: CBAILEY@DIOCESEOFGREENSBURG.ORG

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

WINTER SCHEDULE

JAN

Jan 12 6:00PM

Jan 19 6:00PM

Jan 26 6:00pm

FEB

Feb 2 6:00PM

Feb 9 6:00PM

Feb 16 6:00PM

Feb 23 6:00PM

MARCH

Mar 2 6:00pm
*Families will attend too

Mar 6 6:00pm Mar 16 6:00pm Mar 23 6:00pm

Mar 30 6:00pm

APRII

April 6 6:00pm

April 13 6:00pm

First Communion
Mass will be May

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

COLLECTION REPORT DECEMBER 18 & 19, 2021

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|------------------------|------------|
| Adult Envelopes: | \$2,340.00 |
| Offertory Loose: | \$444.00 |
| Fuel & Maintenance: | \$33.00 |
| Third Week 12/21 EFT: | \$1,050.00 |
| Candles: | \$144.26 |
| Christmas: | \$1,970.00 |
| Flowers: | \$130.00 |
| Catholic Accent: | \$62.00 |
| Immaculate Conception: | \$30.00 |
| Advent: | \$205.00 |
| Oplatki: | \$66.00 |
| Total: | \$6,474.26 |

62 Adult Envelopes

26 % out of **237** who choose to use regular Sunday envelopes

| <u>Income</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| \$6,412.26 | \$3,890.48 | \$ + 2,521.78 |

MASS ATTENDANCE

DECEMBER 18 & 19, 2021 FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

> 4:30 p.m. - 74 9:30 a.m. - <u>135</u> **Total - 209**

DECEMBER 24, 2021
VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE
NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:30 p.m. - **197** Midnight - **79**

DECEMBER 25, 2021
SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY
OF THE LORD

9:30 a.m. - <u>84</u> Total: 360

DECEMBER 26, 2021
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY,
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:30 a.m. - 118



Saturday, January 8, 2021

4:30 p.m.

Lector - Bill Mauck Eucharistic Minister - Vicki Mauck

Sunday, January 9, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Lector - Mary Kay Rosborough **Eucharistic Minister** - Peggy Slezak

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning during the month of:

January 2022

In Memory of:

Mr. George Pastor, Mr. George Dickerson, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie & Peggy Hamlin and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond & Marie McNaughton

Requested By:

Dave & Georgette McNaughton

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MCA Artwork Contest 2021-2022

From Father Anthony J. Carbone, Diocesan Mission Director, Pontifical Mission Societies

Just a reminder to you regarding the 2021-2022 Missionary Childhood Association National Christmas Artwork Contest. In the last 6 years, 10 winners have come from the Diocese of Greensburg. We hope that our winning streak continues. Additional information and the official entry form is available by logging onto mcaartcontest.missio.org. Contest is open to young Catholics in grades K-8. Entries must be postmarked or received by your local mission office or via our online webform no later than January 31, 2022.

What an opportunity to share our Catholic faith and our belief in the "Word Made Flesh!" The Contest is already looking forward to Christmas 2022.

March for Life January 21, 2022

Although the March for Life was virtual last year, this year it is back in person on Friday, January 21, 2022 and as important as ever. Bishop Kulick and Father Dan Carr, Director of Pro-Life Activities will be attending along with a number of parishes and organizations that are sending buses down again this year. The following names are the bus captains that are already working on this important march:

Mary Blythe, St. Agnes in North Huntingdon 724-863-2626 or 412-996-2115

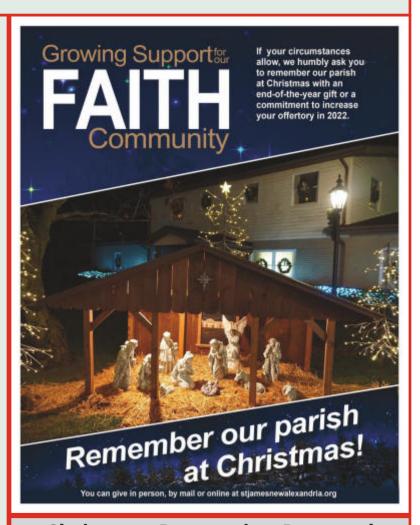
Bill Ager, Indiana County 724-465-4522

Caitlin Craig, Mother of Sorrows in Murrysville 724-733-8870 x114

Fr. Tim Kruthaupt, St. Peter's in Brownsville 724-785-7781

Please note that, because the youth events this year are virtual, there will be no youth buses or separate overnight trip scheduled for youth this year. Any youth who wants to attend the march can join the existing bus groups.





Christmas Decoration Removal Greensburg Catholic Cemetery

If you wish to retain your Christmas decorations from your loved ones graves, please remove the decorations by February 15, 2022.

Anything left in the cemetery past *February* **15th**, as a courtesy to you, will be discarded by cemetery staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

January 2022

Saint James Catholic Church Calendar

Website: www.stjamesnewalexandria.org



Wed Thu Fri Sun Mon Tue Sat 1 9:30 a.m. Mass-Solemnity of Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and Mary the Mother of God live in love... 4:30 p.m. Mass Vigil-Feast of Ephesians 5:1 the Epiphany of the Lord 6 8 Soup Sale 10:00 - 1:00 p.m NO MORNING Rosary Altar 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. Eucharistic Sunday Adoration 4:30 p.m. Mass MASS Mass Mass Mass Rosary at 9:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. -Confessions 9:30 a.m. 7:45 a.m after 4:30 Mass Mass 8:00 a.m. Mass Baby Needs Feast of the Epiphany of the Collection -Lord RAS 12 9 9:30 a.m. 10 11 13 14 15 Mass -NO MORNING NO MORNING NO MORNING NO MORNING NO 4:30 p.m. Mass Intergenerational MASS MASS MASS MASS MORNING Come to the Feast Baby Needs Confessions after 9:30 MASS Collection - RAS Rosary Altar Society Marian Prayers at Baby Needs Mission Appeal 1:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Collection - RAS Weekend Religious Education 6:00 pm 17 16 9:30 a.m. 18 19 20 21 22 Mass 4:30 p.m. Mass NO MORNING 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. MASS Baby Needs Mass Mass Mass Mass Confessions Collection - RAS after 4:30 Mass Mission Appeal Weekend Religious Education 6:00 рш Winter Breakfast 8:00-12:00 pm 23 Rosary at 9:00 24 25 26 27 28 29 a.m. & RAS & Holy NO MORNING 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. Name Breakfast 4:30 p.m. Mass MASS 9:30 a.m. Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass Confessions after Mass Religious Education 6:00 pm 30 9:30 a.m. 31 Mass NO MORNING MASS Children's Liturgy of the Word & Donut Sunday



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